

Franklin County Council June 26, 2007
County Council meeting room @ 7:00 p.m.

Those present:

Donald "Butch" Williams
Brad Spurlock
Hollie Sintz
Kenneth Rosenberger
Jeff Koch
Martha Bergman
Carroll Lanning

Elected officials:

Eric Roberts
Marlene Flaspohler

Franklin County Auditor
Carol L. Monroe

*Donald "Butch" Williams opens meeting to with the Pledge of Allegiance and calls meeting to order

- I. Minutes (May 15, 2007 & May 29, 2007)
 - a. Martha Bergman – motion to accept minutes
 - b. Carroll Lanning – seconds the motion
 - c. Donald "Butch" Williams – all in favor; motion carried
- II. **Resolution 2007-18** (Additional Appropriations)
 - a. Donald "Butch" Williams – reads resolution
 - b. Brad Spurlock – questions \$58,288.00 for rainy day
 - c. Donald "Butch" Williams – wanted this earmarked for EPA lawsuit.
 - d. Brad Spurlock – not saying we should not pay for Linkel' bill. Is there a case where no one can just go out and get the attorney
 - e. Eric Roberts – in Marlene's case she came before the commissioners and (we) approved it
 - f. Susan Jones – another bill-
 - g. Eric Roberts – Don (Vonder Meulen) submitted another bill
 - h. Kenneth Rosenberger – I think he should pay for all of the legal bills. He is the only one benefiting from this lawsuit. We shouldn't strap the taxpayers with this lawsuit.
 - i. Brad Spurlock – agrees with Kenny. It is a catch 22 to a point.
 - j. Donald "Butch" Williams – if we approve the total additional out of the rainy day fund, we are putting that into an account where the commissioners have the final say so.
 - k. Eric Roberts – Reedy is getting with Barnes and Thornburg to get us a total figure.
 - l. Brad Spurlock – make motion to accept resolution 2007-18
 - m. Carroll Lanning – seconds the motion
 - n. Donald "Butch" Williams – all in favor-4; one opposed; one abstain; motion carried.
- III. EPA Lawsuit
 - a. Eric Roberts – the (\$400.00/hr) has been put on hold and Eric Ready came in last Monday (his rate is about \$100.00/hr). Carol, Susan and I sat down with him.
 - b. Donald "Butch" Williams – the situation is up to Barnes and Thornburg. For the interest of the taxpayers, why was he put on hold
 - c. Eric Roberts – Barnes and Thornburg didn't think he was doing anything for us. He as taking all of the tax money and he didn't understand Indiana.
 - d. Donald "Butch" Williams – our thought was to fight the EPA, hire someone who used to work for them but you found out that was not the case.
- IV. **Resolution 2007-19** (Transfer of Funds)
 - a. Donald "Butch" Williams – reads resolution
 - b. Martha Bergman – move to accept resolution 2007-19
 - c. Jeff Koch seconds the motion
 - d. Donald "Butch" Williams – all in favor; motion carried
- V. Brookville Police Dept. Claim for reimbursement
 - a. Donald "Butch" Williams – motion to sign claim
 - b. Kenneth Rosenberger – seconds the motion
 - c. Donald "Butch" Williams – all in favor; motion carried.
- VI. Budget Information
 - a. Donald "Butch" Williams – we need to fill out our budget
 - i. Salary adjustment - \$5,000.00
 - ii. Contingency part time - \$8,000.00
 - iii. Misc. operating supplies - \$200.00
 - iv. Legal consulting - \$50,000.00 (flip tape)
 - v. Travel - \$200.00
 - vi. Conferences \$5,000.00
 - vii. Consulting Services - \$2,000.00
 - viii. Capital outlay - \$250.00
- VII. State Called Council Conference
 - a. Carroll Lanning – learned about exemptions you can get on your taxes for veterans. There are a lot of new bills. It was worth going. The thing on the 9th.
 - b. Martha Bergman – LOIT, it is very important we pass this. Listen to it and work it out.
 - c. Donald "Butch" Williams – there are some points we need to be clear on.

VIII. Special meeting

- a. Donald "Butch" Williams – calls special/executive session for July 2, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of the EPA litigation

IX. Adjourn

- a. Brad Spurlock – motion to adjourn
- b. Kenneth Rosenberger – seconds the motion
- c. Donald "Butch" Williams - all in favor; out-a here

Those also present:

Susan Jones, Secretary

John Estridge, Whitewater Publications

Cathy Pelsor

To be approved 07/24/07